

HB 544 -- Peace Officers

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This bill repeals the authority of the Director of the Department of Revenue to direct any agent or employee of the department to secure possession of any licensee's license plate who has been suspended or revoked under Chapter 301 RSMo, and who neglects or refuses to surrender his or her license plate after being recalled by the department. The department director can continue to direct any law enforcement officer to secure possession, however.

The bill repeals Section 301.216 that specifies department investigators licensed as peace officers by the Department of Public Safety are deemed to be peace officers within the state while acting in an investigation to enforce the provisions of Chapter 301 and any provisions regarding fees, licenses, or taxes administered by the department director. The bill limits the power of arrest of an investigator acting as a peace officer to offenses involving fees, licenses, taxes or in situations of imminent danger to the investigator or another person.